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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:  
determining whether a current fill rate of a container is within a threshold of a slowest fill rate of the container; and  
when the determining is true, switching from the container to a new container, wherein the switching further comprises switching journaling of changes to a database from the container to the new container.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
determining the slowest fill rate from a plurality of fill rates for the container over a plurality of time periods.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:  
periodically determining each of the plurality of fill rates.
6. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:  
means for calculating a plurality of fill rates of a container for a respective plurality of time periods;  
means for calculating a slowest fill rate of the plurality of fill rates; and  
means for determining whether a current fill rate of the container is within a fill-rate threshold of the slowest fill rate; and  
means for switching an application from filling the container to filling a new container when the means for determining is true, wherein the means for switching

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further comprises means for switching journaling of changes to a database from the container to the new container.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the means for determining further comprises:

means for determining whether a current size of the container is between a soft threshold and a hard threshold.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

means for switching an application from filling the container to filling the new a new container when a current size of the container exceeds a hard threshold.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage~~signal-bearing~~ medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed comprise:

calculating a plurality of fill rates of a container for a respective plurality of time periods;

calculating a slowest fill rate of at least a portion of the plurality of fill rates; and determining whether a current fill rate of the container is within a fill-rate threshold of the slowest fill rate and whether a current size of the container is between a soft threshold and a hard ~~threshold~~threshold; and

switching an application from filling the container to filling a new container when the determining is true, wherein the switching further comprises switching journaling of changes to a database from the container to the new container.

12. (Canceled)

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13. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage~~signal-bearing~~ medium of claim 11, further comprising:

switching the application~~an application~~ from filling the container to filling the new~~a new~~ container when the current size of the container exceeds the hard threshold.

14. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage~~signal-bearing~~ medium of claim 11, further comprising:

refraining from switching the application~~an application~~ from filling the container to filling the new~~a new~~ container when the determining is false.

15. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage~~signal-bearing~~ medium of claim 11~~claim 12~~, further comprising:

receiving the fill-rate threshold from the application.

16. (Currently amended) A electronic device comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed on the processor comprise:

calculating a plurality of fill rates of a first container for a respective plurality of time periods,

calculating a slowest fill rate of at least a portion of the plurality of fill rates,

determining whether a current fill rate of the first container is within a fill-rate threshold of the slowest fill rate and whether a current size of the first container is between a soft threshold and a hard threshold, and

switching an application from filling the first container to filling a second container when the determining is true, wherein the switching further comprises switching journaling of changes to a database from the first container to the second container.

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17. (Original) The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

deciding whether a current size of the first container exceeds the hard threshold.

18. (Currently amended) The electronic device of claim 17, wherein the instructions further comprise:

switching the application from filling the first container to filling the second second container when the deciding is true.

19. (Original) The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

receiving the fill-rate threshold from the application.

20. (Original) The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

receiving the hard threshold and the soft threshold from the application.